

37.3 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

2957. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Onions Grown in South Texas; Amendment of Sunday Packing and Loading Prohibitions [Docket No. FV97-959-1 IFR] received April 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2958. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for emergency fiscal year 1997 supplemental appropriations for emergency expenses related to the devastating flooding in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota, and to designate the amounts made available as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107 (H. Doc. No. 105-71); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2959. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, the General Accounting Office, transmitting a review of the President's second and third special impoundment message for fiscal year 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685 (H. Doc. No. 105-76); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2960. A letter from the Director, the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals of budget authority as of April 1, 1997, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 685(e) (H. Doc. No. 105-75); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

2961. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Eligibility for the Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research"; to the Committee on National Security.

2962. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Nuclear Attack Submarines"; to the Committee on National Security.

2963. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the 1996 annual report to Congress by the Division of Compliance and Consumer Affairs of the FDIC, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 57a(f)(6); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

2964. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule—Training and Employment (Employment and Training Administration) [Guidance Letter Nos. 6-96 and 7-96] received April 19, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2965. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Placer County Air Pollution Control District [CA 126-0032a; FRL-5815-5] received April 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2966. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: State of Washington [WA60-7135a; WA61-7136a; and WA63-7138a; FRL-5812-7] received April 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2967. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Consumer and Commercial Products Rule [Region II Docket No. NJ26-2-165, FRL-5813-9] received April 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2968. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance [LOA] to Australia for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 97-10), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

2969. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report entitled "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1996," pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 215ln(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

2970. A letter from the Executive Director, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting the Authority's report entitled "Toward a More Equitable Relationship: Structuring the District of Columbia's State Functions"; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

2971. A letter from the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting a report on the necessity to construct modifications to Lost Creek Dam, Weber Basin Project, UT for safety reasons, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 509; to the Committee on Resources.

2972. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Ocean Salmon Fisheries Off the Coast of Washington, Oregon, and California; Inseason Adjustments, Cape Falcon, OR, to the Oregon-California Border [Docket No. 960429120-6120-01; I.D. 040897A] received April 24, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2973. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement, transmitting the Office's final rule—North Dakota Regulatory Program [SPATS No. ND-034, Amendment No. XXIII] received April 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2974. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement, transmitting the Office's final rule—Arkansas Regulatory Program and Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan [SPATS No. AR-027-FOR] received April 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2975. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement, transmitting the Office's final rule—Texas Regulatory Program [SPATS No. TX-030-FOR] received April 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2976. A letter from the Director, Office of Global Programs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—NOAA Climate and Global Change Program, Program Announcement [Docket No. 970324067-7067-01] (RIN: 0648-ZA29) received April 21, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

2977. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, the Board of Trustees, Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, transmitting the 1977 annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2), and 1395t(b)(2) (H. Doc. No. 105-73);

to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

2978. A letter from the Board of Trustees, Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds, Transmitting the 1997 annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2), and 1385t(b)(2) (H. Doc. No. 105-72); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

2979. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Medical Savings Accounts [Rev. Rul. 97-20] received April 23, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

2980. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Compliance, transmitting notice of adoption of amendments to the Procedural Rules of the Office for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, pursuant to Public Law 104-1, section 303(b) (109 Stat. 28); jointly, to the Committees on House Oversight and Education and the Workforce.

2981. A letter from the Board of Trustees, Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, transmitting the 1997 annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2) (H. Doc. No. 105-74); jointly, to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

2982. A letter from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Public Housing Management Reform Act of 1997"; jointly, to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and the Judiciary.

37.4 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1274

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 127):

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1274) to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science now printed in the bill. Each section of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any